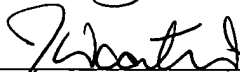




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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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In response to the Office Action of 12 March 2009, applicant requests that the application be amended as follows. Pursuant to current practice, all pending claims, including original claims, previously presented claims, withdrawn claims, and currently amended claims, are presented below. Canceled claims are indicated as being canceled. Underlining indicates additions to the specification and claims, while strikethrough or double brackets indicate deletions.

In further response to the Office Action of 12 March 2009, applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)